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WARNING LETTER

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February 14, 2000

Mr. James White
President
Gloucester Refrigerated Warehouse
101 South King Street
Gloucester, NJ 08030

Dear Mr. White:

During an FDA inspection on January 12, 2000 of your potable water hydrants located at Holt Marine Terminal (Piers 8, 8-2 and 9), 701 Broadway, Gloucester, NJ 08030, our Investigator observed violations of the Public Health Service Act [Section 361], the Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act [Section 402(a)(4)] and Title 21, Code of Federal Regulations, Sections 1240 and 1250.

The observations noted include:

- The absence of backflow prevention devices as part of all potable water hydrants [21 CFR 1240.86];
- The failure to cover hydrant outlets when not in use;
- The failure to cover exposed ends of potable water hoses when not in use;
- The failure to use potable water hoses of food-grade material; and
- The failure to display a sign or other notification that each hydrant was for dispensing "potable water only."

The above list of inspectional observations is not intended to be an all-inclusive list of all objectionable conditions at the hydrants located on piers 8, 8-2 and 9. It is your responsibility as a servicer of interstate conveyances to assure adherence with all requirements of laws and

regulations. Compliance with the above-referenced laws and regulations applies to other vessel watering points your firm owns that were not addressed above.

You should take prompt action to correct the above violations and to establish procedures whereby such violations do not recur. Failure to do so may result in regulatory action without further notice, including fines, administrative sanctions, seizure of facilities and /or injunction.

You should notify this office in writing within 15 working days' receipt of this letter of the steps you have taken to bring your firm into compliance with the law. Your response should include each step being taken, that has been taken or will be taken to correct the violations and prevent their recurrence. If corrective action cannot be completed within 15 working days, state the reason for the delay and the time frame within which the corrections will be completed. Please include copies of any available documentation demonstrating that corrections have been made.

Your reply should be directed to the Food and Drug Administration, Attention: Kirk D. Sooter, Compliance Officer, at the address and telephone number above.

We are enclosing for your benefit FDA's Guide to Inspections of Interstate Carriers and Support Facilities. Please pay particular attention to the watering points section (page 20 of the guide).

Sincerely yours,

Douglas I. Ellsworth
District Director

Enclosure

Cc: [redacted]